

# THE PACIFIC Commercial Advertiser

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## PEARL HARBOR.

It would be worth millions to Hawaii to have a man at Washington with enough influence to get something done about Pearl Harbor.

That harbor has been neglected for a long time, though its value as the defensive outpost of the Pacific coast is as clear as it was in the days of General Schofield and Admiral Kimberly. If the United States is ever at war on the Pacific it will find Pearl Harbor vital to its strategic operations there. Yet not a dollar has been spent on docks, machine shops or fortifications since the day when, through the reciprocity treaty, the United States acquired the right to control the great waterway.

What is needed is a strong and intelligent and persistent campaign at Washington for a first appropriation; a campaign in which the Senators and Representatives of California, Oregon and Washington ought to be enlisted. They should be taught that the presence of a hostile fleet here would, unless that fleet were beaten by American naval strength, put an embargo on the commerce of the Pacific coast. An object lesson could be found in the way insurance ran up when the auxiliary cruiser *Lena*, with a base 6000 miles away, appeared at the Golden Gate.

What hard work can do, even against army and navy prejudice, is shown at San Diego, a city which got a fort and a dredged harbor, despite opposition of the strongest kind and by no other means than sheer pressure upon Congress and the War Department.

## THE WHITE VOTERS.

The white voters of Honolulu show up badly in the registry. If they do not write their names down before Saturday at midnight, the election will show some results of which they will be the first to complain.

It cannot be said that there is not a choice of good names on the various tickets; and while that is true, lack of sympathy with any one set of names will not excuse the incivism which failure to register implies.

There are some citizens who are holding off in the fear that the presence of their names on the register will expose them to jury duty. But up to the present time the directory and the telephone book have supplied most of the jury panels and unless a citizen keeps his name off all three he cannot feel safe from the summons to serve.

Furthermore a citizen who will avoid voting to escape another high duty of citizenship hasn't much to boast of in the way of civic patriotism.

Good government requires that every citizen, especially every property-owner, shall register and vote. Any general failure to qualify means the likelihood of bad government.

The nomination of F. T. P. Waterhouse in the Fifth is strong and satisfactory. If the Republicans had named a full ticket of men as efficient as Mr. Waterhouse, the leaders would not need to appeal to the party as they are doing now, to "vote the straight ticket." The party would have done so as a matter of course and many Democrats and Home Rulers would have cast their ballots for it with pleasure. Waterhouse is an excellent nominee and that the district is satisfied with him is shown by the presence among his supporters of Mr. Shaw and his friends, who are acting in a good spirit. All that remains to make the Fifth District ticket representative of the better impulses of the party is to have Mahelona removed from it.

Alexieff is a superfluous official in Manchuria. As a Viceroy in a land where civil government has been paralyzed and where every act is military and therefore under the control of Kuropatkin, he has nothing to do but watch the course of events. Reports are no longer made to him and he has no influence in affairs. To recall him and give him some dignified work at home is so obviously the thing to do that the rumor of his succeeding Lamsdorff in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs causes no surprise.

The decision of Russia to put 700,000 men in the field has been met by the determination of Japan to enlist a million. If Japan can support so many she is better off financially than most observers suppose. However a desperate nation can do a great deal of hard fighting on very small means, as witnessed the Southern Confederacy and the Transvaal. Japan has unlimited self-denial and this of itself is good for a long war.

Democrats may be scarce for local ticket purposes, but in the event of Parker's election the town wouldn't be big enough to hold them.

The registry will close Saturday at midnight. If you do not get your name on the list by that time you can't vote.

## LOWER RATES BY SEA.

The Promotion Committee has done well in the matter of lowering steamship passenger rates by getting a hundred dollar round trip figure from the All Red line. It is, we hope, the beginning of the end of a schedule of high prices afloat which has, for many years, kept Hawaii from getting its share of the tourist trade. As the Honolulu commercial bodies pointed out in their recent memorial, this place is especially discriminated against by the steamship lines whose American terminus is San Francisco. It costs more per mile to get here from California than it does to go to Tahiti or New Zealand. The price is vastly more per mile than it is from San Francisco to Europe. Obviously if Hawaii is to compete with other tourist resorts at all, the means of access to it must be cheapened.

Fortunately the All Red line has accepted the Hawaiian plea and has fixed a reasonable price for the round trip, covering a distance 440 miles further. That is to say, for a round trip of 2600 miles it will cost \$35 less than for one of 2160 miles. The saving is worth while and we cannot doubt that it will so tend to divert tourist travel, providing the Canadian Pacific railroad makes good use of the Hawaiian trip in its advertising matter, as to compel the San Francisco lines to adopt the \$100 rate.

Surely that is enough. It is over \$3 per day for a cubbyhole of a room and for ordinary hotel fare. One may doubt that it costs any more to run a steamship than it does a hotel of similar capacity; and there is a freight business the hotel doesn't have and no ground rent to pay beyond what dues. For the 3000 mile trip across the Atlantic plenty of good steamers make a rate of \$50 or even less, carrying steerage as low as \$15. They may be presumed to know their business and they certainly do not lack for dividends. If the plea is urged that they have a large trade it is enough to say that the San Francisco lines would have a large trade too if they chose to cultivate it by similar price-inducements.

## NINE DAYS TO CONVICTION.

The course of the law has been swift as well as inexorable in the case of Miranda, the convicted murderer of S. E. Damon. It was but ten days ago tonight that the Porto Rican made his deadly thrust and yesterday he found himself convicted of murder in the first degree. Let it be hoped that there will be similar expedition in meting out his punishment, for it is in the speed of the law's vengeance that the moral effect upon others is conveyed. For that reason Czolgosz, the assassin of President McKinley was railroaded to the gallows. It was deemed against public policy, after he had made his defence, to let him prolong it with technicalities.

Notwithstanding the rapidity of the legal proceedings in the Miranda case, the prisoner has had a fair trial. His counsel, Messrs. Davis and Thompson, made as strong a defence as the circumstances could warrant and the prisoner himself had his say on the witness stand. The man convicted himself out of his own mouth. His falsehoods were many and palpable; his admissions were fatal and they left nothing for the jury to do but to bring in a hanging verdict.

The Porto Rican vagrants need the lesson which the fate of Miranda will teach. Like other criminals they have taken courage from the rarity of executions and from the various jail deliveries which have occurred. It is time to teach them that American justice does not always walk with a leaden heel and that it strikes, as in this instance, with an iron hand.

The Czar has complimented the Japanese in the following autograph letter to General Grippenberg:

"The intense energy with which Japan is conducting the war and the stubbornness and high warlike qualities displayed by the Japanese impel me to considerably strengthen the forces at the front, in order to attain decisive success in the shortest possible time. Since by this increase the units will reach a figure making their continuance in one army impossible without prejudice to the proper direction, maneuvering and mobility of the troops, hence I have found it necessary to divide the active forces in Manchuria into two armies, leaving one in the hands of General Kuropatkin."

"I appoint you to command the second. Your many years' service in warlike exploits and your experience in training troops assure me that you, following the general directions of the commander-in-chief, will be successful and lead to the attainment of the objects of the war the army intrusted to you."

"God bless you for your great and glorious services to me and to Russia. Ever your affectionate,

"NICHOLAS."

The National Republican Convention, by a careful reading of local prints, might have avoided the blunder of treating the Spooner delegation as regular.

The voter who isn't registered will know how it feels to be disfranchised.

The chances of starving out the Port Arthur garrison will be better as win-

ter approaches, for then the blockade running junks must find the harbor more or less ice-bound and they will not be able to land any considerable amount of food. If it is true, as reported, that coal is scarce in Port Arthur, then the Russians may also suffer from the low temperature and may be frozen out. Evidently, from late reports, Gen. Stoessel is nearing the end of his commissary resources.

It is your duty, if you care anything about good government, to register.

## Have You Registered?

### OFF SCHEVENINGEN.

The Carnegie Hall of peace is to be erected in the woods of Scheveningen, Holland, overlooking the sea where, in 1653, the British fleet under Admiral Monk defeated the Dutch fleet under Admiral Tromp, who was killed during the engagement.

Off Scheveningen in the night there meet two ghostly ships, And paler than the spindrift white the tattered rigging dips, And soundless in the dim moonlight each flapping ensign whips.

"Ahoy!" there comes a hail from one; "Ahoy!" the answer back.

"Know ye the days of war are done; warships no more will tack And reef and haul and chase and run, or pillage, loot, or sack?"

"Aye, true," the English admiral cries, with a mighty oath.

"For here to peace they build a hall; to warfare man is loath; He will not here the battle call that one day thrilled us both."

"O ho!" then come the husky tones from off the Dutchman's deck, "The sea is strewn with whitened bones, with shattered hulk and wreck—

All held in fee by Davy Jones, his palace floors to deck.

"The sea is tick with rusting guns, with ancient dirk and sword— Wherever wayward current runs one time grim war has roared; Each century has called its sons and they to fight have poured.

"And so, what do ye mean by this, old foe-man whom I met? When cutlasses were wont to hiss and decks with blood were wet? A hall of peace? It sounds amiss; Does mankind war forget?"

"'Tis true," the other says, "'tis true; this hall shall stand for peace; The calls that once the trumpets blew forevmore shall cease!"

The laughter of each ghostly crew this moment finds release.

"Come, then," the other sailor cries, "let us send up each sail, And beat until we find the skies that know no battle hail, Where never flag in battle flies or guns outshout the gale!"

From Scheveningen in the night there sail two ghostly fleets, Full whiter than the spindrift white their hulls and shrouds and sheets—

And as they sail, on left and right, the droning war drum beats.

—Chicago Tribune.

## When Registered You Can Vote.

### Rattlesnake Adventure.

BOONVILLE, Ind., Sept. 20.—Mrs. Lizzie McCoy, the wife of a wealthy stock raiser, near Mt. Olive, Spencer County, on entering her kitchen this morning found a large rattlesnake and a big rat engaged in combat. She seized a shovel and broom and made for the reptile. A fierce encounter followed, during which the snake was slain. While this was going on the rat escaped. The snake was five feet long and had 12 rattles.

## Register Today.

Gadsby—"Here's a funny misprint in this paper. It speaks of 'contributions to the champagne fund.' How do you account for it?" Bimbleby—"Oh! the printer who set it up had been in politics himself."—Boston Transcript.

## New Pattern Hats Direct from New York.

Many surprises are now ready in trimmed pattern hats direct from New York. Some are exact copies of beautiful Parisian creations and all on display in the Millinery Department and show window.

Also a beautiful line of new veils to match. The prevailing colors are exquisite wood shades of brown and the dull dark green that is becoming to nearly everyone. White veils with black dots, black veils with either black or white dots and the stylish, changeable color automobile veil.

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## Old as the Pyramids

And as little changed by the ages, is Scrofula, than which no disease, save Consumption, is responsible for a larger mortality, and Consumption is its outgrowth.

It affects the glands, the mucous membranes, tissues and bones; causes bunches in the neck, catarrhal troubles, rickets, inflamed eyelids, sore ears, cutaneous eruptions, etc.

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